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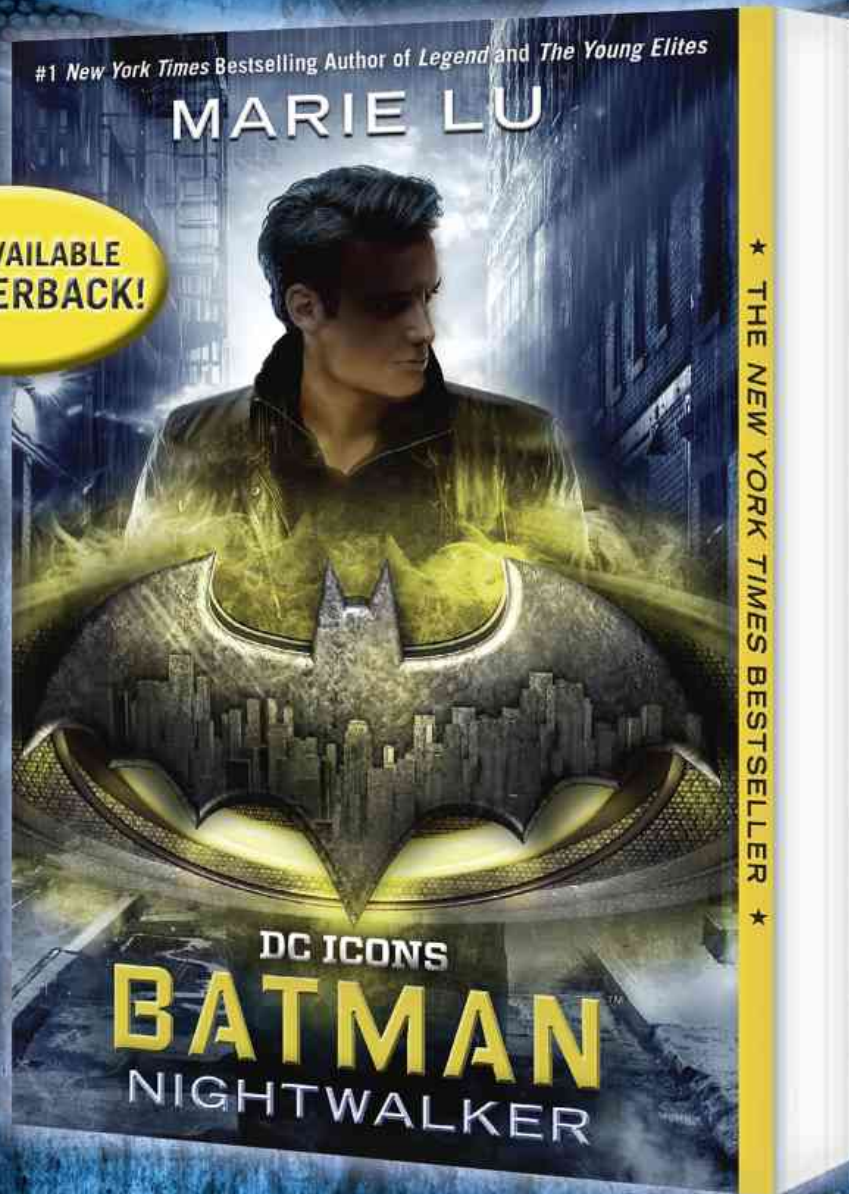
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LEVIATHAN
VERSUS...

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WHO IS
LEVIATHAN?



I THOUGHT WE
AGREED WE
DIDN'T KNOW
WHO LEV--
OH!

OH
YEAH!

X-RAY-VISION BOY,
DID YOU GET A LOOK
AT HIM UNDER
THE BLINKY
LIGHTS?



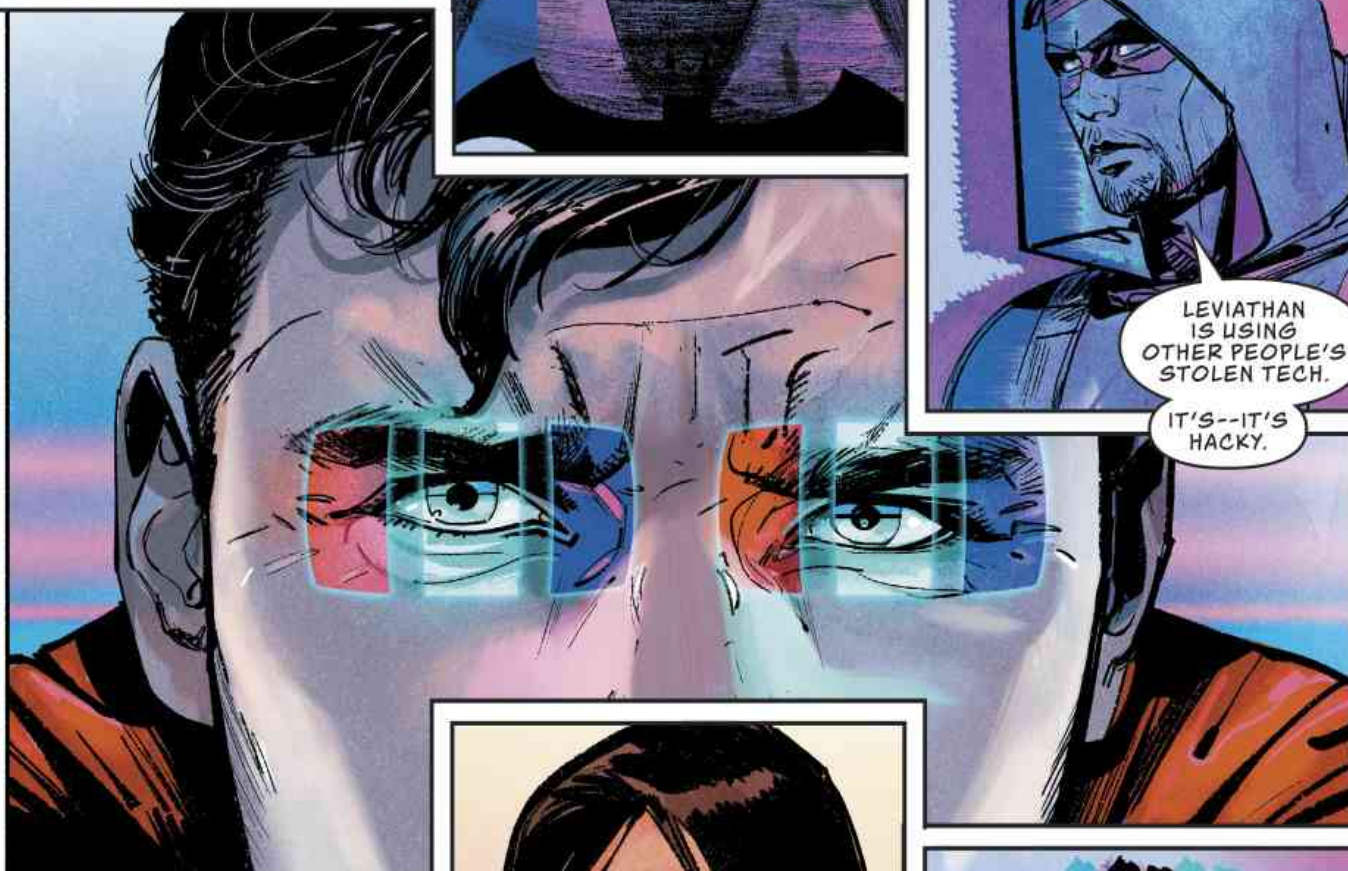
I TOLD YOU,
LEVIATHAN'S ARMOR IS
USING SOME KIND OF
TECH THAT HE CAN'T
SEE THROUGH...



...LEVIATHAN
WAS READY
FOR HIM.

LEVIATHAN
IS USING
OTHER PEOPLE'S
STOLEN TECH.

IT'S--IT'S
HACKY.



AMANDA
WALLER IS
LEVIATHAN.



OH
YEAH?

GREAT.
LET'S
GO EAT.



I WANT
TO HEAR HIM
TELL IT.

HOW DID
LEVIATHAN KICK
YOUR ASS...



CUBA. AN HOUR AGO.

AMANDA WALLER, ARE THESE MEN BOTHERING YOU?

"SINCE THIS STARTED, I'D KEPT A SUPER-EAR OUT LISTENING FOR CERTAIN WORDS AND PHRASES ABOUT LEVIATHAN.

"A.R.G.U.S., CADMUS, SPYRAL, AMANDA..."

"IT'S DIFFICULT WITH EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE IN THE WORLD TALKING ABOUT THEM.

"COULDN'T HELP BUT WONDER IF THAT WAS PART OF LEVIATHAN'S PLAN..."

"THERE'S NO 'CHATTER' BECAUSE IT'S ALL CHATTER."

"BUT EVER SINCE AMANDA WALLER ESCAPED OUR SAFEKEEPING IN THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE, I HAVE KEPT A SPECIAL EAR OUT FOR HER.

"AND I FOUND HER.

"IN CUBA.

"BUT...LEVIATHAN GOT TO HER FIRST.

"JUST."

AMANDA, GET BEHIND ME.

I WOULD, BUT AFTER WHAT I HAVE SEEN... I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO MAKE A DAMN BIT OF DIFFERENCE.

HUMOR ME.

GENTLEMEN, WHATEVER LEVIATHAN HERE HAS BEEN PROMISING...

THINK... ARE THEY REALLY GOING TO BE ABLE TO DELIVER?

WE'RE NOT FIGHTING YOU, SUPERMAN.

WE KNOW THINGS ARE VERY CHAOTIC RIGHT NOW, BUT I PROMISE YOU...

...WE HAVE NOTHING BUT RESPECT FOR YOU.

DID YOU GET MY NOTE?

"A CLUE..."

"THEY DIDN'T ASSASSINATE AMANDA WALLER THE SECOND THEY COULD..."

"THEY HADN'T BLOWN HER UP IN AN ATTACK LIKE ALL THE OTHER LEVIATHAN INCIDENTS..."

"...THEY HAD HER SURROUNDED."

"THEY WERE THERE TO COLLECT HER."

IF YOU RESPECT ME AS MUCH AS YOU SAY YOU DO, TAKE OFF YOUR ARMOR AND STAND DOWN.

"I WAS SUPER-SPEED READY FOR WHATEVER HAPPENED NEXT."

"I THOUGHT IF I COULD FOCUS MY X-RAY VISION AND/OR MY TELESCOPIC VISION INTO SOMETHING THAT WOULD HELP ME SEE THROUGH THE LEVIATHAN TECHNOLOGY--"

"DIDN'T WORK."

LET'S HAVE AN HONEST DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT LED YOU HERE AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO--

"AN HONEST DISCUSSION"? YOU'RE ADORABLE.

LIVES WERE AT STAKE, I WAS READY.

I HEARD IT.

THE TRIGGER.

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A person and organization named **LEVIATHAN** has done the impossible and simultaneously taken out major pillars of the world intelligence community.



GREEN ARROW and **BATGIRL** survived one attack. Batgirl was offered a place in Leviathan--no one has seen her since.



SUPERMAN survived a kidnapping that only revealed that Leviathan is no longer in control of the woman who founded it...the legendary terrorist **TALIA AL GHUL**.



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The **DEO**, **SPYRAL**, **A.R.G.U.S.**, and many others are gone.

Who is Leviathan? How have they accomplished so much so quickly? These questions have brought together the greatest detectives in the world: **BATMAN**, **GREEN ARROW**, **PLASTIC MAN**, **THE QUESTION**, and legendary reporter **LOIS LANE**.

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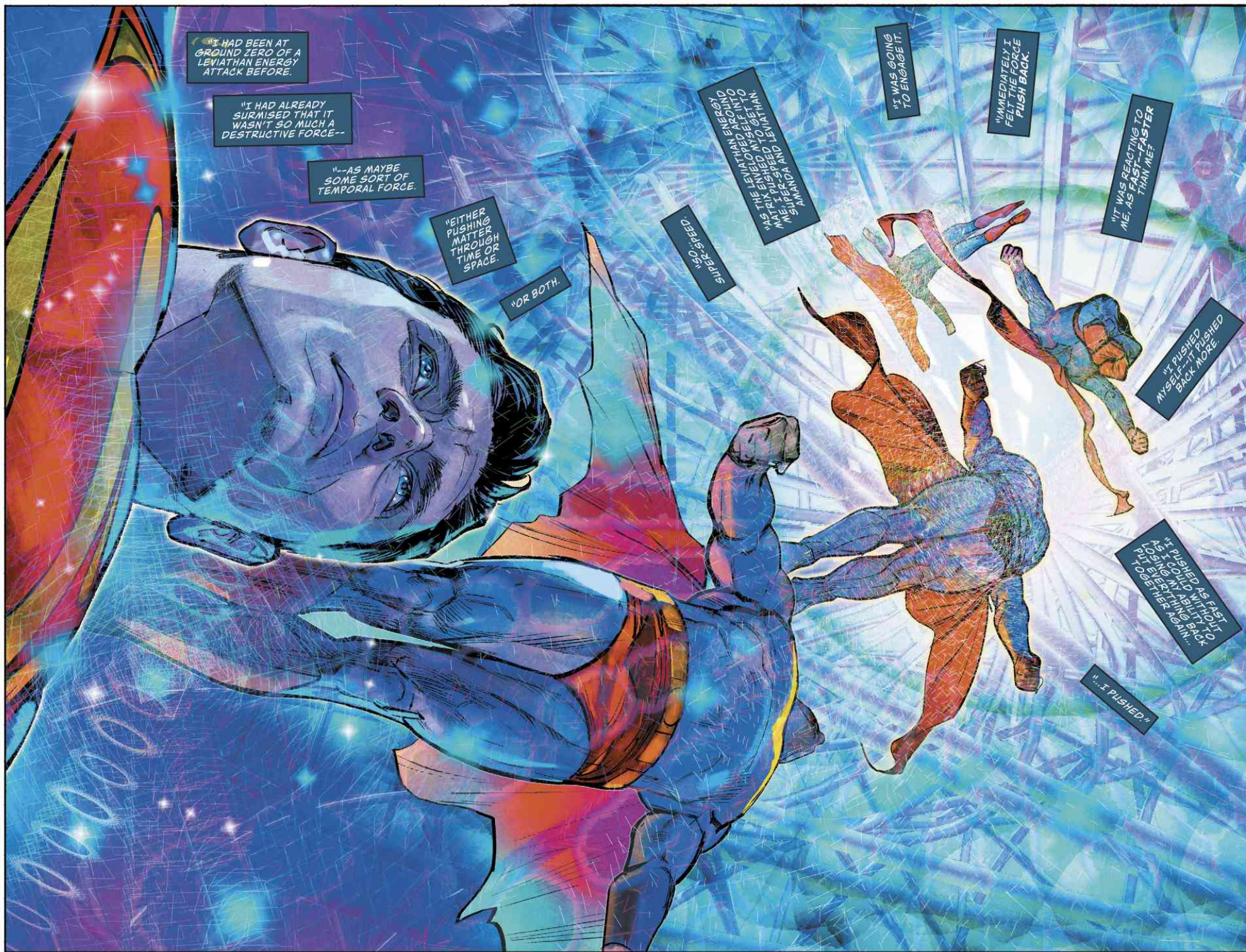
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Batman's young protégé **ROBIN**, looking over all of the evidence so far, wonders if Leviathan is his predecessor, **JASON TODD**, but that proved a false lead.



"I HAD BEEN AT GROUND ZERO OF A LEVIATHAN ENERGY ATTACK BEFORE."

"I HAD ALREADY SURMISED THAT IT WASN'T SO MUCH A DESTRUCTIVE FORCE--"

"--AS MAYBE SOME SORT OF TEMPORAL FORCE."

"EITHER PUSHING MATTER THROUGH TIME OR SPACE."

"OR BOTH."

"SO FAST-- SUPER-FAST."

"AS THE LEVIATHAN ENERGY WAS TRYING TO ENVELOPE ME, I FELT IT PULL ME INTO A WHIRL--"

"I WAS GOING TO ENGAGE IT."

"IMMEDIATELY I FELT THE FORCE PUSH BACK."

"IT WAS REACTING TO ME, AS FAST--FASTER THAN ME."

"I PUSHED MYSELF--IT PUSHED BACK MORE."

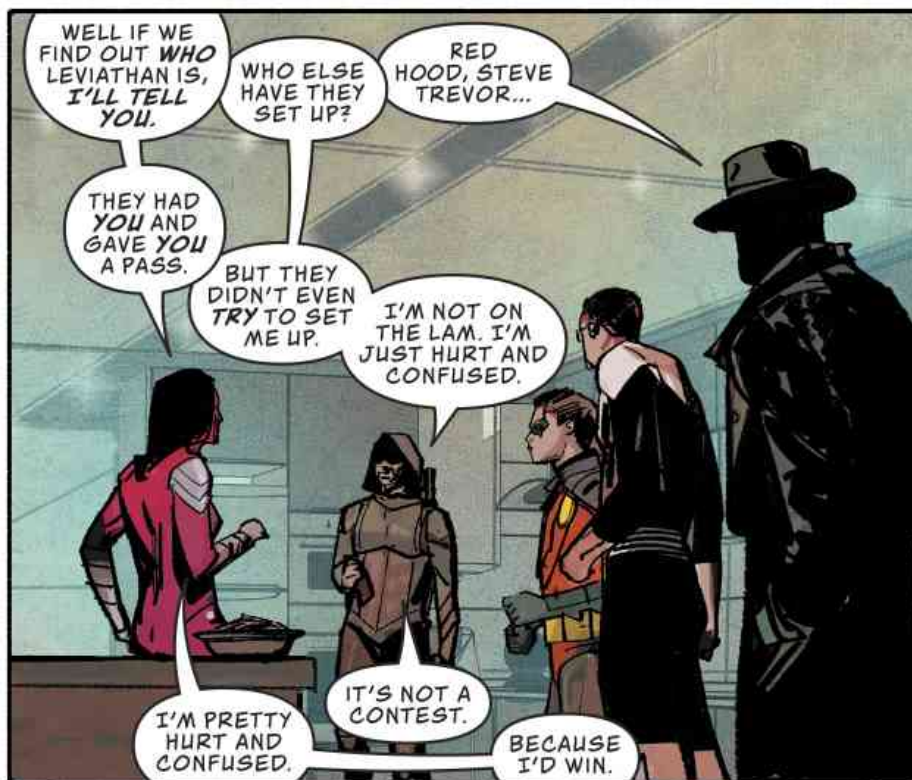
"I PUSHED AS FAST AS I COULD, BUT I WAS LOSING MY ABILITY TO PUT EVERYTHING BACK TOGETHER AGAIN..."

"...I PUSHED."







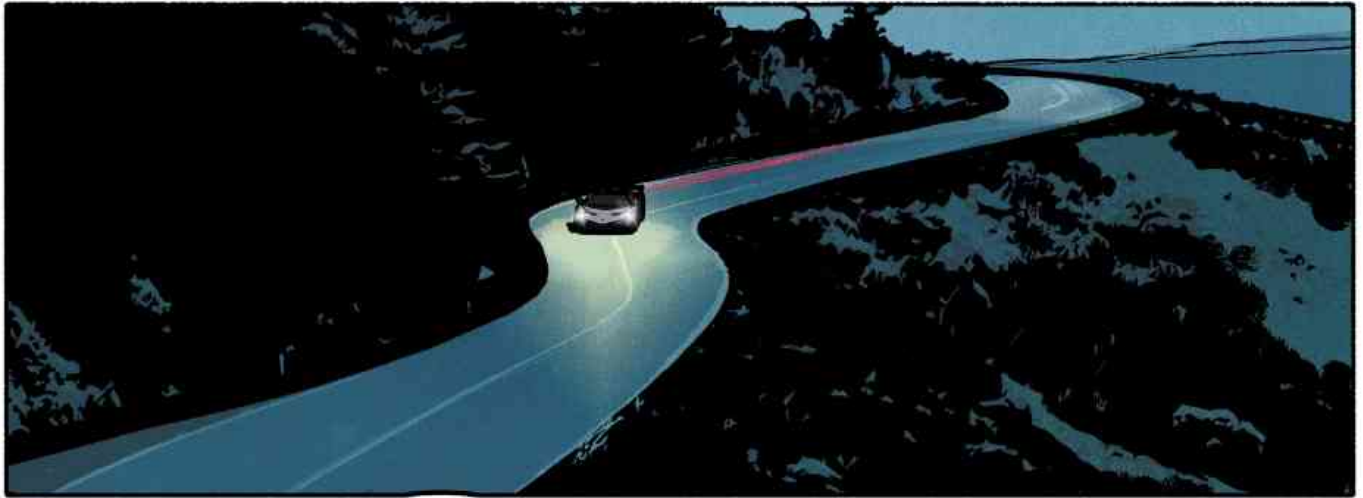






"SHE'S LOIS."

"THERE'S A STORY."



THIS IS
SILENCER.

I THOUGHT
WE WERE RADIO
SILENT?

UH, BRUCE
WAYNE'S CAR,
ONE OF THEM, JUST
LEFT STATELY
WAYNE MANOR.

REALLY?
GREAT!

CAN YOU--
DO YOU HAVE
A SHOT?



IT'S NOT
HIM IN THE
CAR.

IT'S LOIS
LANE.

YEAH.

I'M
A HUGE
FAN.

SHE'S A REALLY
INTERESTING
WRITER.

WHAT
DOES THAT
MEAN?

LOIS
LANE?! ARE YOU
SURE?

NO. I
MEAN, WHAT
DOES IT MEAN THAT
SHE IS DRIVING ONE
OF BRUCE WAYNE'S
CARS FROM ONE OF
BRUCE WAYNE'S
HOUSES?

IT'S ONE OF
THOSE KIND OF
NIGHTS?



DO NOT
TAKE LOIS
LANE OUT.

I KNOW.

I JUST
SAID I WAS A
HUGE FAN.

WHAT IS
REPORTER LOIS
LANE DOING IN
BRUCE WAYNE'S
CAR?

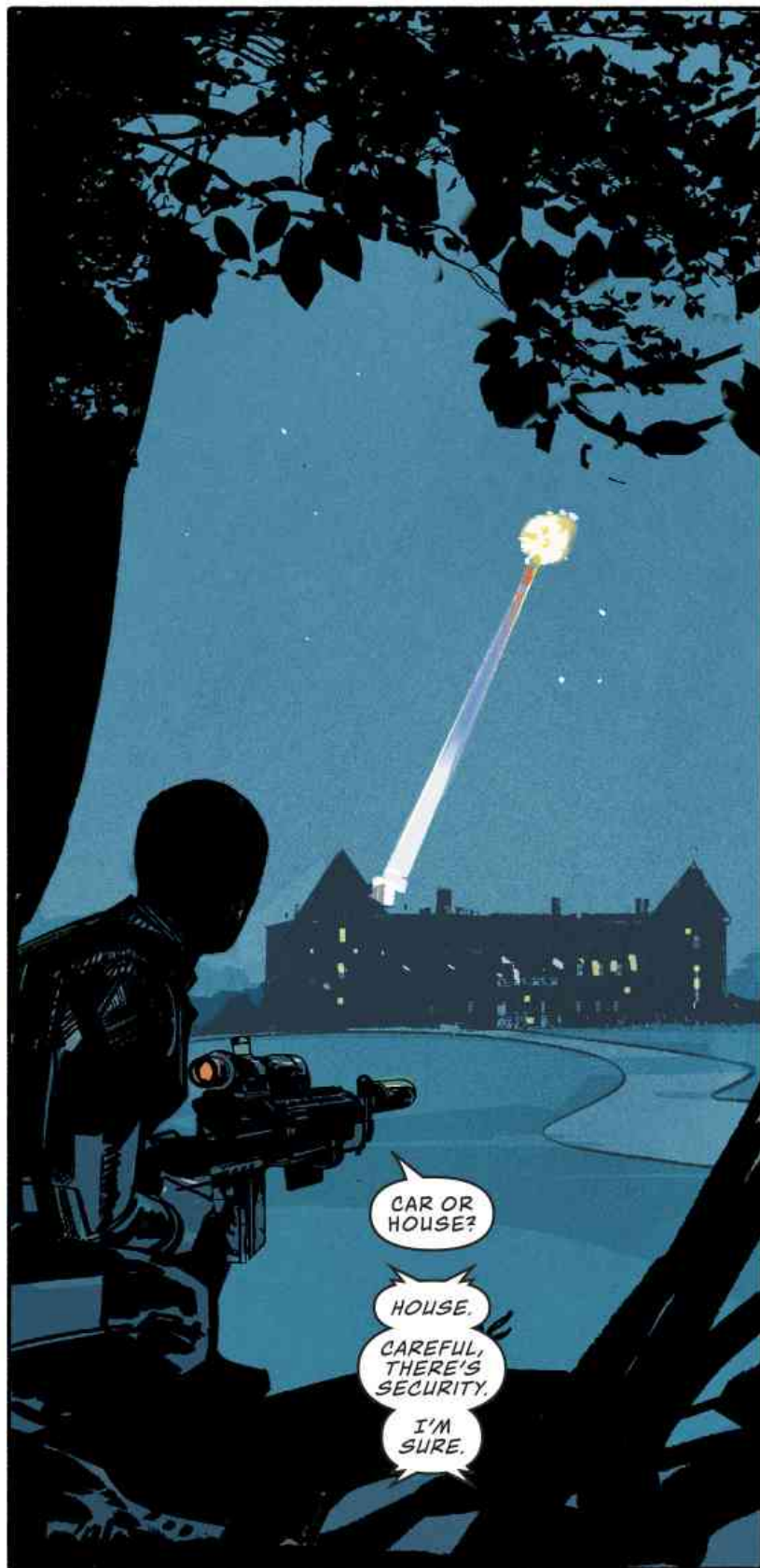


WANT ME
TO FOLLOW
THE CAR OR
STAY ON THE
HOUSE?

ARE BRUCE
WAYNE AND LOIS
LANE HOOKING
UP?

I WOULD
IF I WERE
THEM.

FAIR. BUT
THE NIGHT
LEVIATHAN RISES?
SHE'S AT WAYNE
MANOR?



CAR OR
HOUSE?

HOUSE.

CAREFUL,
THERE'S
SECURITY.

I'M
SURE.



UH...

...LOOK
UP IN THE
SKY...













**How can the Dark Knight defeat an enemy...
who knows all his secrets?**

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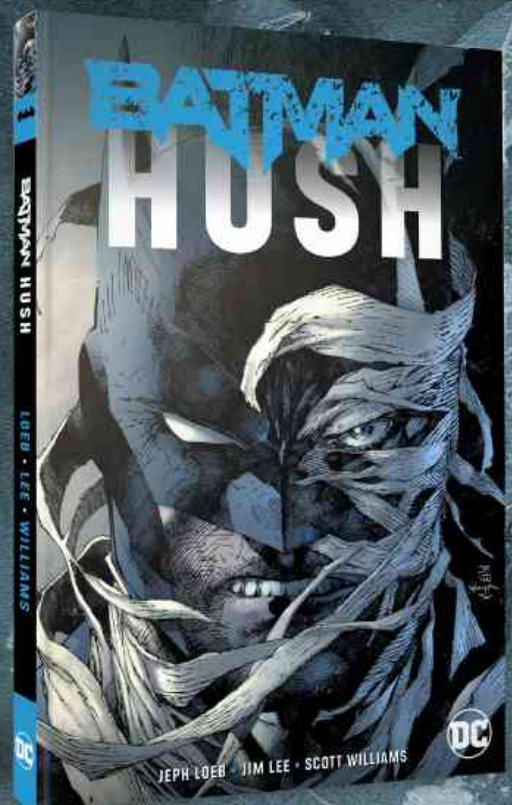
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DC NATION interview with **BATMAN: NIGHTWALKER** writers **MARIE LU** and **STUART MOORE**

What's compelling to you about Bruce Wayne as an 18-year-old? What aspects are you able to explore that you wouldn't see in a typical Batman story?

Marie Lu: One thing cool about writing a teen Bruce Wayne is that there's so little out there about him at that age. Who were his friends? Did he have crushes? How did he navigate adolescence while being both a billionaire and an orphan? I was excited to play with these questions and explore how Bruce Wayne grew up to become Batman.

Stuart Moore: It's a fascinating time in Bruce's life. He's got all the drive and intelligence he needs to become Batman, but he hasn't figured out what to do with it yet. He's already very used to taking care of himself, but he's not an officer of the law yet, officially or unofficially. And that gets him in trouble.

In writing the adaptation, I looked for moments to show Bruce's intensity. He doesn't have an outlet for that yet either, but he's trying things out. Sometimes he gets very frustrated at other people's rules.

New character Madeleine Wallace is at the center of the story—how did you approach this addition to the Batman mythos?

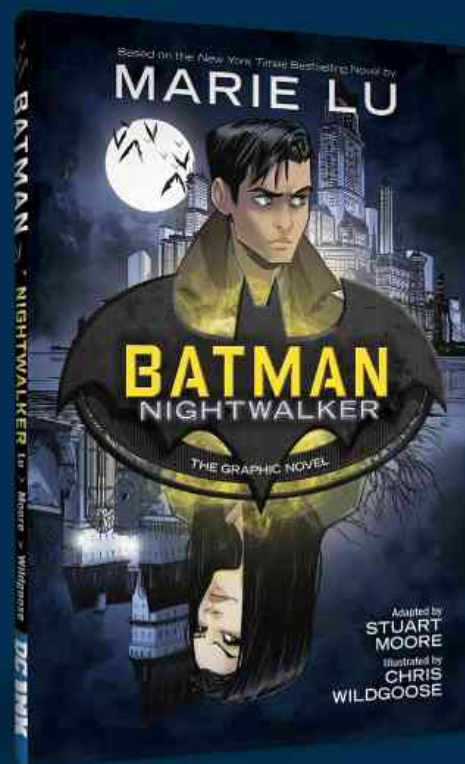
Lu: Batman is defined by his villains, so I knew the best way to explore how Bruce grew up was to give him a villain that pushed him in all the crucial ways. But I wanted Madeleine to be more than just a catalyst for Bruce. She needed to have her own goals, ambitions, and complexities—someone as intricate as many of the other villains in the Batman universe.

Moore: We see Madeleine through Bruce's eyes, and she keeps him guessing...feeding him half-lies, then telling the truth when he doesn't expect it. I tried to be very careful to keep her character balanced. There is a logic to what she does, but she's also conflicted.

Marie, what's it like seeing your novel adapted in this format?

Lu: It was surreal. I see everyone in a certain way in my head, but then to have an artist as talented as Chris Wildgoose bring Bruce, Dianne, and Madeleine to life was like having an out-of-body experience.

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